

3. Fees - Initial and annual renewal fees shall be required to be paid by the owners of the outdoor advertising structures for each permit requested in order to defer the costs of the administrative and inspection expenses incurred by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation in administering the permit procedures.

An initial fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per outdoor advertising structure shall be submitted with each application for a permit, and an annual renewal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per sign structure shall be paid by the owners of the outdoor advertising structures on April 15th of each year to the appropriate District Engineer. The Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety shall, without request, send a statement to each owner of outdoor advertising structures with valid permits for the annual renewal fee or fees unless the appropriate District Engineer is notified in writing by the owner of the outdoor advertising structures of his desire not to renew a specific valid outdoor advertising permit.

4. Permit and Permit Emblem - A permit along with a permit emblem shall be issued upon proper application, approval, and the payment of fees for lawful outdoor advertising structures.

The erection of new outdoor advertising structures shall not commence until a permit and emblem has been issued. The outdoor advertising structure must be completely constructed and erected with the permit emblem affixed within 180 days from the date of issuance of the permit. During the 180 day period, the new outdoor advertising structure shall be considered in existence for the purpose of spacing of adjacent signs as set out in the appropriate rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Transportation.